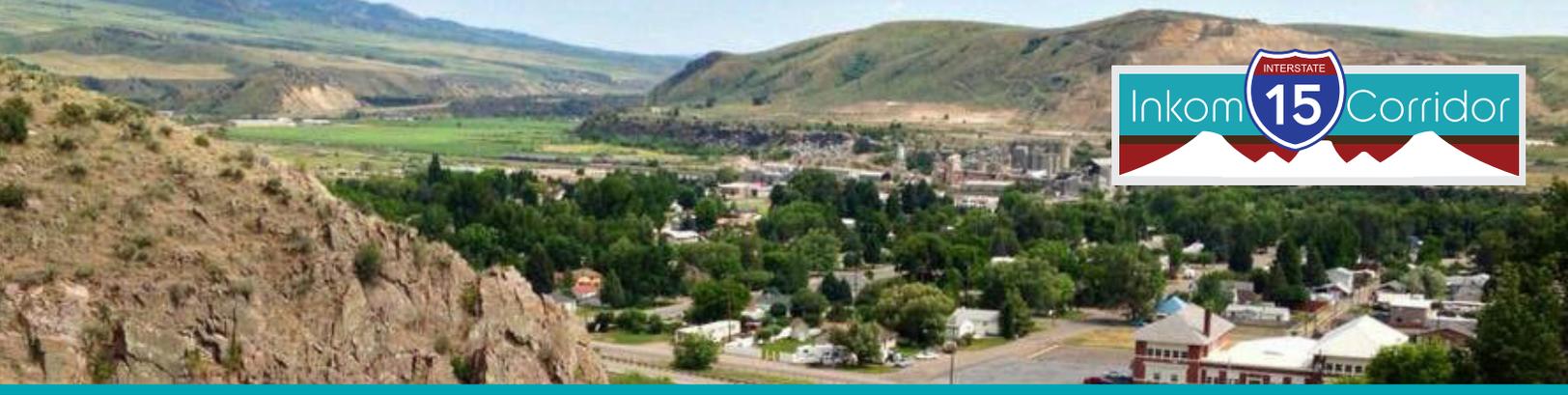


**I-15 Inkom Corridor
Improvements Online
Presentation Summary
September 2020**





Information Summary

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) hosted an online meeting on the department’s project website to provide information and gather input on planned and proposed projects on I-15 near Inkom. ITD is combining the projects into a corridor-wide improvement to minimize impacts to the public during construction. A coordinated effort to construct the projects in a logical sequence will keep traffic flowing through the area and minimize detours. The projects include the following:



1. **Inkom UPRR Bridge Replacement:** This project will replace the I-15 bridges over the UPRR tracks and Old Highway 30. Construction is anticipated in 2025-2026
2. **Inkom Main Bridge Replacement:** This will replace the I-15 bridges over Rapid Creek Road (Main St.). Construction is anticipated in 2025-2026.
3. **Inkom Interchange (West and East):** This project includes replacement of the I-15 bridges and reconstructs the West interchange. Potentially reconfigures this split interchange by adding a third ramp to the West portion while removing a ramp to the East portion. Seeking public involvement on design alternatives. Construction is anticipated in 2025-2026.
4. **Inkom Pavement Improvement:** Replaces I-15 asphalt starting at the Inkom South Interchange and extending six miles west to the Portneuf Interchange. Construction is anticipated in 2025.
5. **Rapid Creek Bridge Replacement.** This project includes replacement of the Rapid Creek Bridge on the I-15 Business Loop between Commercial Street and Main Street. Construction is anticipated in 2026.

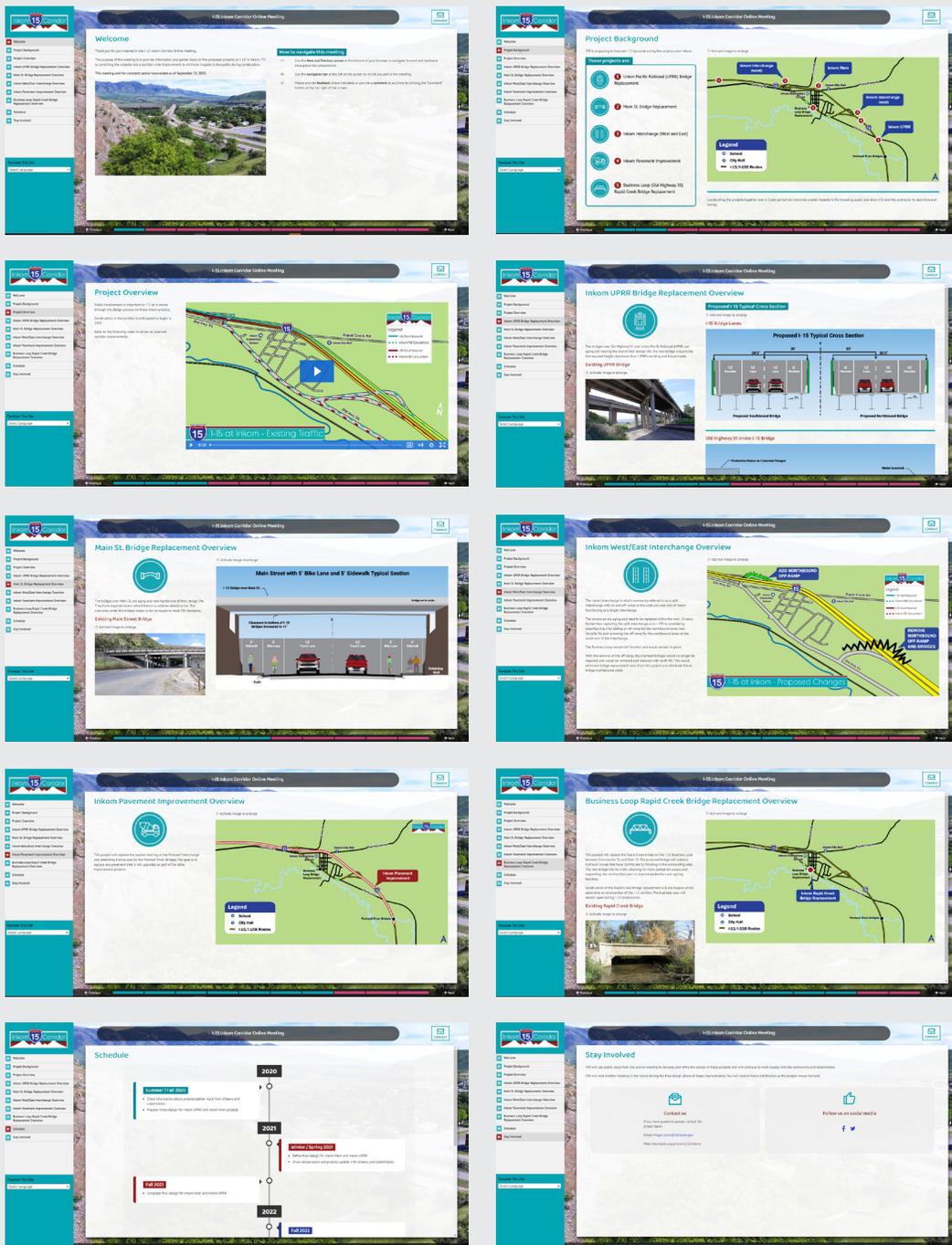
Online Meeting

The online meeting was available for public review and comment from September 1 through September 22, 2020.

The following slides were included as part of the presentation:

- Welcome
- Project Background
- Project Overview
- Inkom UPRR Bridge Replacement Overview
- Main St. Bridge Replacement Overview
- Inkom West/East Interchange Overview
- Inkom Pavement Improvement Overview
- Business Loop Rapid Creek Bridge Replacement Overview
- Schedule
- Stay Involved/Contact Information

A PDF copy of the online meeting is included in Appendix A.



Comments

ITD received a total of 15 comments about the projects. Four comments were submitted through the ITD website, 10 came from the online meeting comment form, and one was sent to the ITD Public Information Specialist.

The online comment form asked participants for comments or suggestions about the projects. Most of the comments were about the potential reconfiguration of the Inkom West and East Interchange. Rather than replacing the split interchange as is – ITD is considering reconfiguring it by adding an off-ramp for the northbound lanes near Sorrelle Rd. and removing the off-ramp for the northbound lanes at the south end of the interchange. Of those who commented on this issue, the majority were opposed to changing the design as proposed by ITD.

1 Those in favor of the reconfiguration had comments that included:

- I like the idea of combining the interchange as much as possible.

1 Different proposal suggestion:

- Would like you have a full interchange at the west location. Emergency vehicles (fire, ambulance) are forced to use northbound on-ramp and crossovers to access incidents located between the west and east interchanges on both northbound and southbound.

5 Those opposed to the reconfiguration had comments that included:

- If the northbound off ramp is relocated to Sorrell Rd, it may create hazard going into Inkom underneath the I-15 overpass due to it being more of a blind corner which may increase head on collisions.
- I don't know who the person is that wants to change the East off ramp into Inkom is, but you should leave it the way it is. It works better for the public coming into Inkom from the East
- I strongly oppose the elimination of the north off ramp east of Inkom. The many problems that I foresee are: 1: Loss of potential customers for our businesses. Many people headed north get off the freeway and stock up on gas and supplies rather than face the traffic in Pocatello. 2: People already get lost in Inkom trying to figure out the business loop. I can't imagine their confusion with three ramps on the west and one on the east.
- I prefer leaving the off ramps both north and south as they are. Many of our businesses rely on those exiting and driving through our town.
- I think putting the northbound off ramp next to the northbound on-ramp is going to cause accidents since they will have to yield to each other.

8 Other input and feedback from comments

- Requests for the northbound on-ramp to be extended to the Port of Entry and possibly the POE weight in motion widened to accommodate two right lanes due to slow moving traffic coming out of Inkom.
- Requests for the on-ramp from Inkom to Pocatello to be extended.
- Request for both the northbound and southbound ramps to be longer merging lanes with dotted lines.
- Request to make I-15 three lanes both northbound and southbound around the port of entry.
- Questions about how a third lane will impact residents on Grant Street.
- Concerns about the southbound off ramp and its removal of the stop sign at the cattle guard that was replaced with a yield sign.
- Request to add street lighting south of exit 57 through Inkom and the Port of Entry both north and southbound.
- Comment about how northbound Inkom traffic on ramp is too close to the truck scales with semi-trucks unable to yield for cars entering the interstate.

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General Comments

- The Main Street Bridge doesn't appear to be in good enough condition to wait until 2025.
- I like the plans and only wish the start time could be expedited to start in 2024.
- Routing I-15 traffic through Inkom will put residents in danger during construction. ITD should do one lane (side) at a time where construction is needed.

A copy of comments received is included in Appendix B.

Notifications

ITD used a variety of methods to notify the public about the opportunity to view and comment on the online information, including the following:

- Postcards
- Social media - Facebook and Twitter
- Press Release
- Local News Coverage
- Posters
- Ads in newspapers

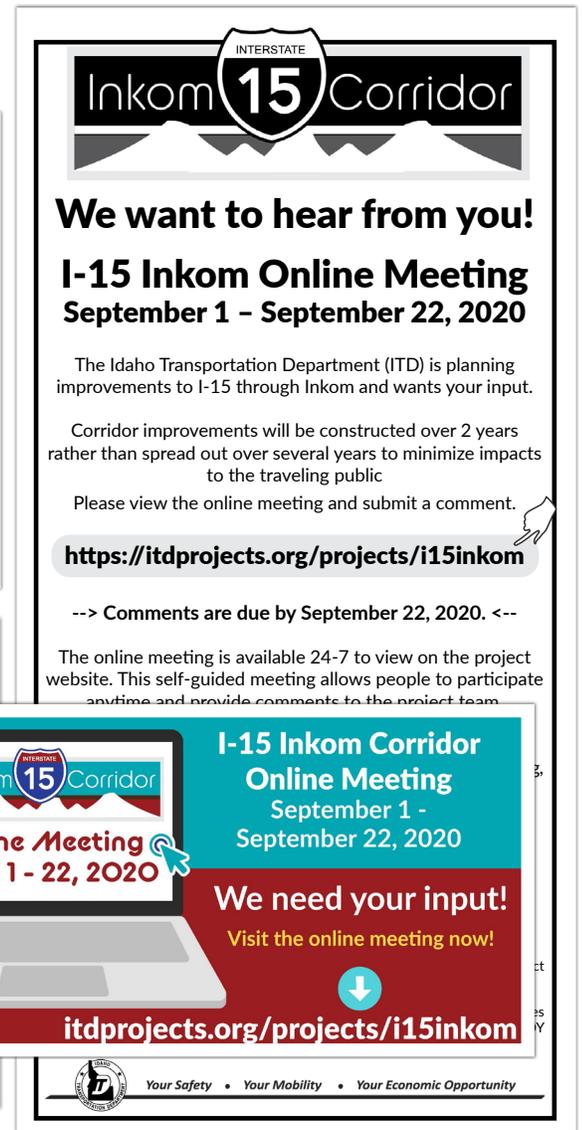
A copy of notification materials is included in Appendix C.



Inkom 15 Corridor

I-15 Inkom Corridor Online Meeting
September 1 - September 22, 2020
Please tell us what you think!

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Inkom 15 Corridor

We want to hear from you!
I-15 Inkom Online Meeting
September 1 - September 22, 2020

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is planning improvements to I-15 through Inkom and wants your input.

Corridor improvements will be constructed over 2 years rather than spread out over several years to minimize impacts to the traveling public

Please view the online meeting and submit a comment.

<https://itdprojects.org/projects/i15inkom>

--> Comments are due by September 22, 2020. <--

The online meeting is available 24-7 to view on the project website. This self-guided meeting allows people to participate anytime and provide comments to the project team.

I-15 Inkom Corridor Online Meeting
September 1 - September 22, 2020

We need your input!
Visit the online meeting now!

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Inkom 15 Corridor

ITD District 5
5151 S. 5th Ave
Pocatello, ID 83204

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APPENDIX A-Online Meeting



I-15 Inkom Corridor

September 2020

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the I-15 Inkom Corridor Online Meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information and gather input on five proposed projects on I-15 in Inkom. ITD is combining the projects into a corridor-wide improvement to minimize impacts to the public during construction.



Project Background

ITD is proposing to improve I-15 by constructing five projects near Inkom.

Constructing the projects together over a 2 year period will minimize overall impacts to the traveling public and allow ITD and the contractor to save time and money.



Those projects are:



- 1** Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Bridge Replacement



- 2** Main St. Bridge Replacement



- 3** Inkom Interchange (West and East)



- 4** Inkom Pavement Improvement



- 5** Business Loop (Old Highway 30) Rapid Creek Bridge Replacement

Project Overview

Public involvement is important to ITD as it moves through the design process on these Inkom projects.

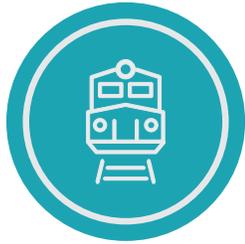
Construction in the corridor is anticipated to begin in 2025.

Refer to the following video to review all planned corridor improvements.

To view the video, visit:
<https://hdr.wistia.com/medias/ik84rfa1bb>



Inkom UPRR Bridge Replacement Overview



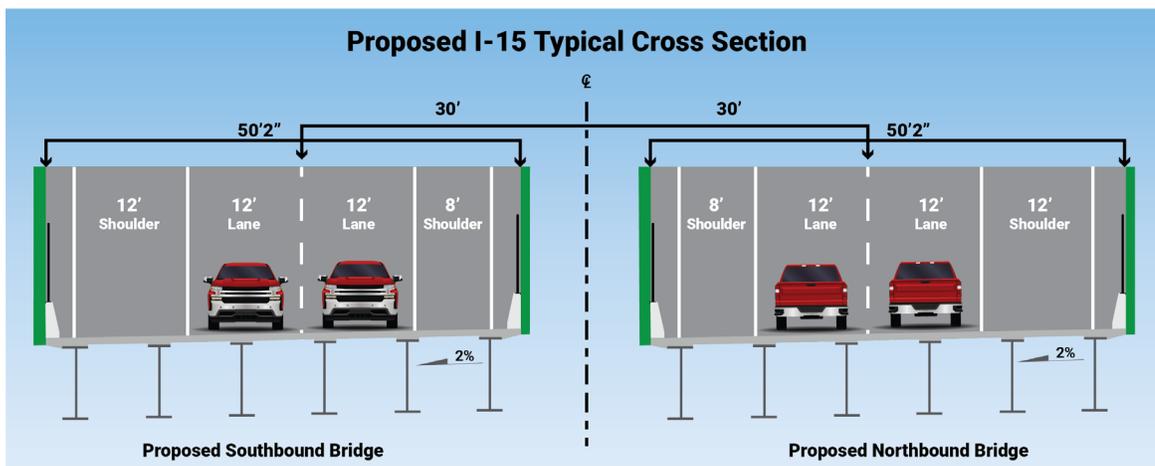
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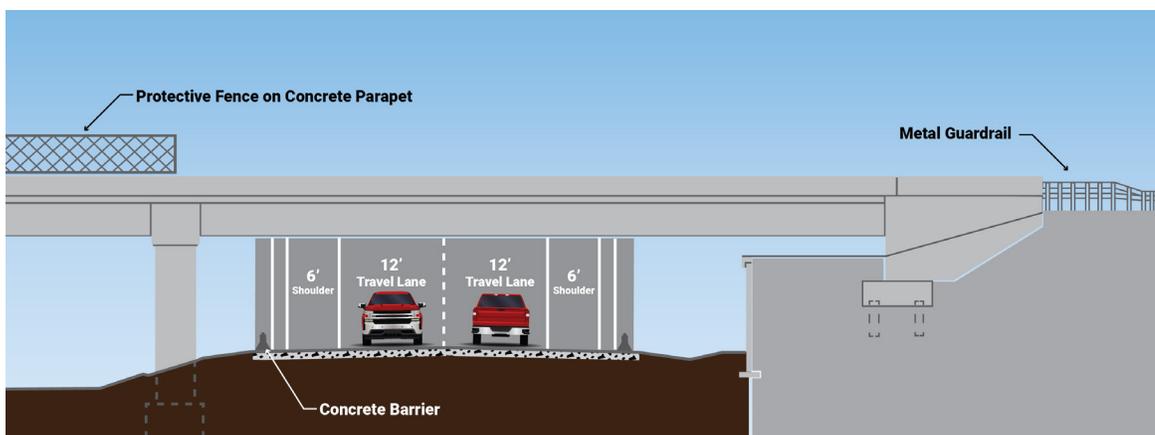
The bridges over Old Highway 91 and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) are aging and nearing the end of their design life. The new bridge will provide the required height clearances from UPRR's existing and future tracks.

Proposed I-15 Typical Cross Section

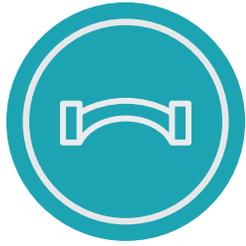
I-15 Bridge Lanes



Old Highway 91 Under I-15 Bridge



Main St. Bridge Replacement Overview

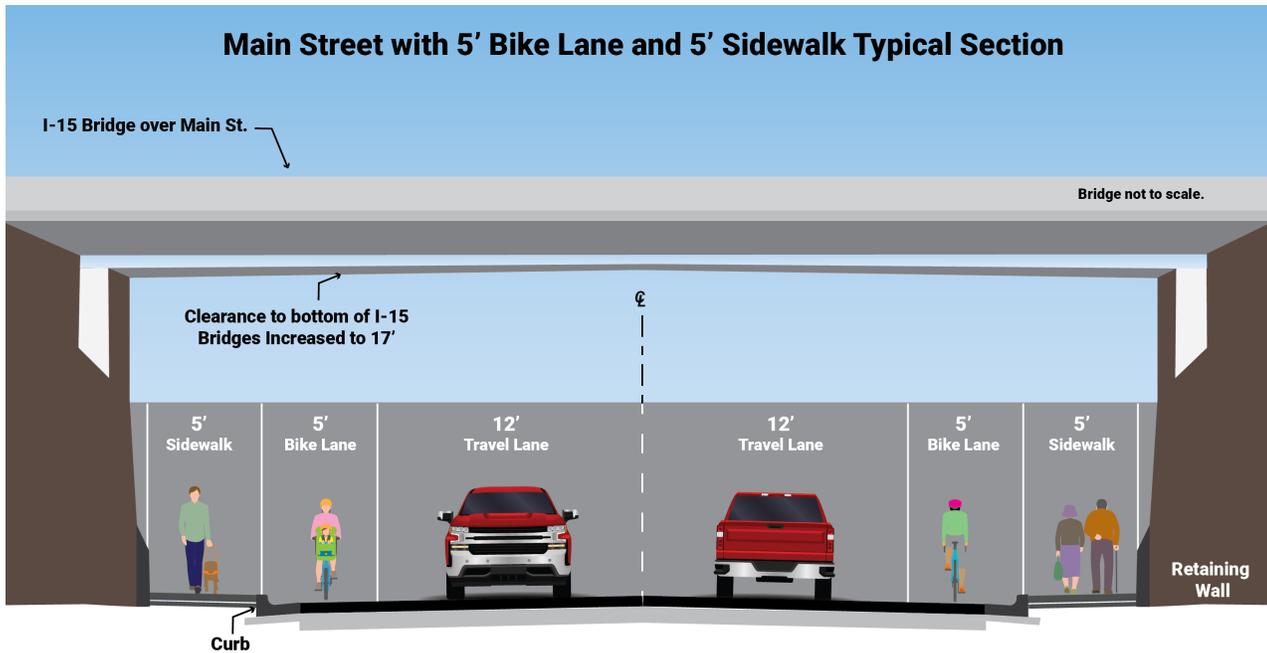


The bridges over Main St. are aging and nearing the end of their design life. They have required recent rehabilitation to address deterioration. The clearance under the bridges needs to be increased to meet ITD standards.

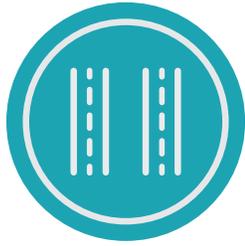
Existing Main Street Bridge



Proposed Main Street Typical Cross Section



Inkom West/East Interchange Overview



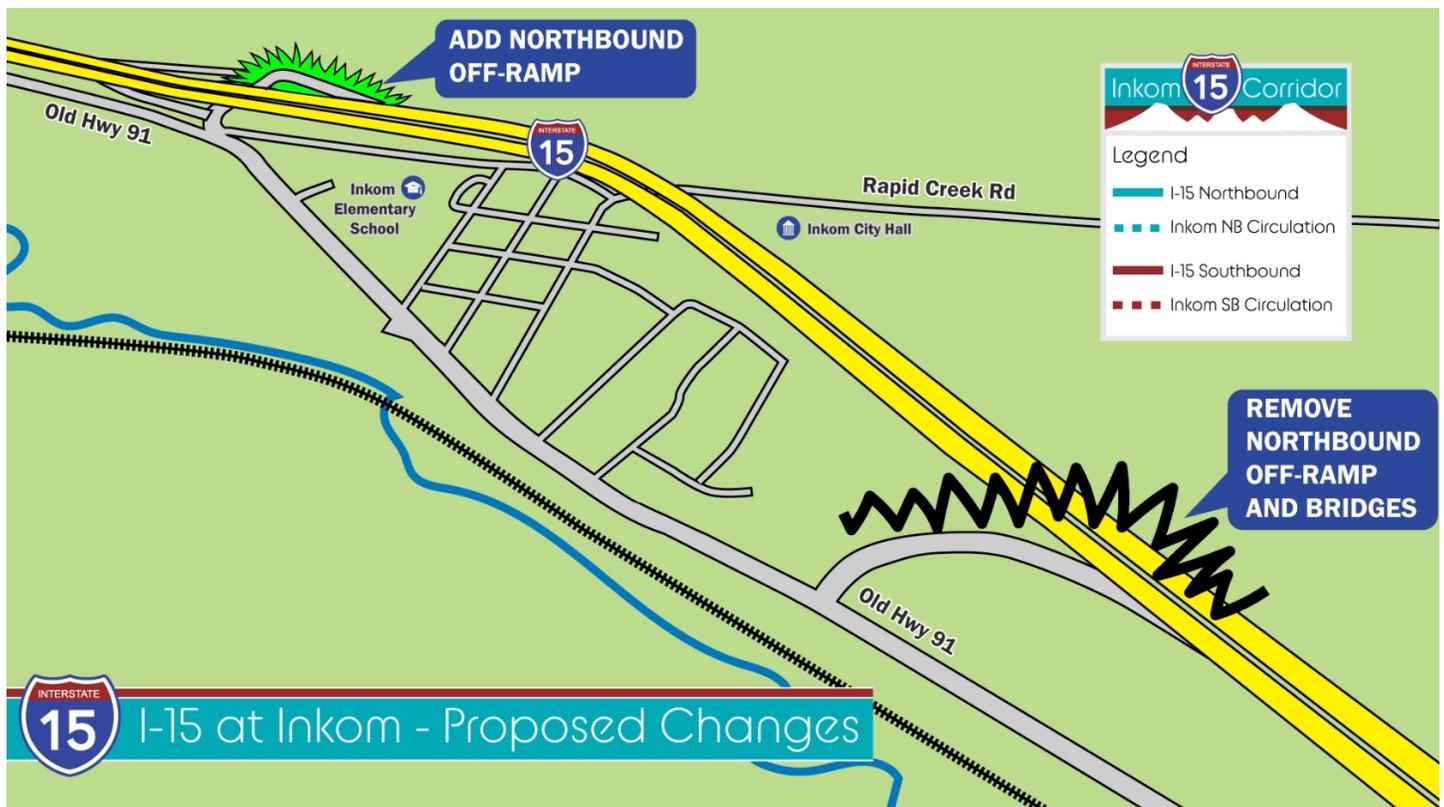
The Inkom interchange is what's commonly referred to as a split interchange with on and off ramps at the west and east end of Inkom functioning as a single interchange.

The structures are aging and need to be replaced within the next 10 years. Rather than replacing the split interchange as is – ITD is considering reconfiguring it by adding an off-ramp for the northbound lanes near Sorrelle Rd. and removing the off-ramp for the northbound lanes at the south end of the interchange.

The Business Loop would still function and would remain in place.

With the removal of the off-ramp, the overhead bridges would no longer be required, and would be removed and replaced with earth fill. This would eliminate bridge replacement costs from this project and eliminate future bridge maintenance costs.

I-15 Proposed Changes

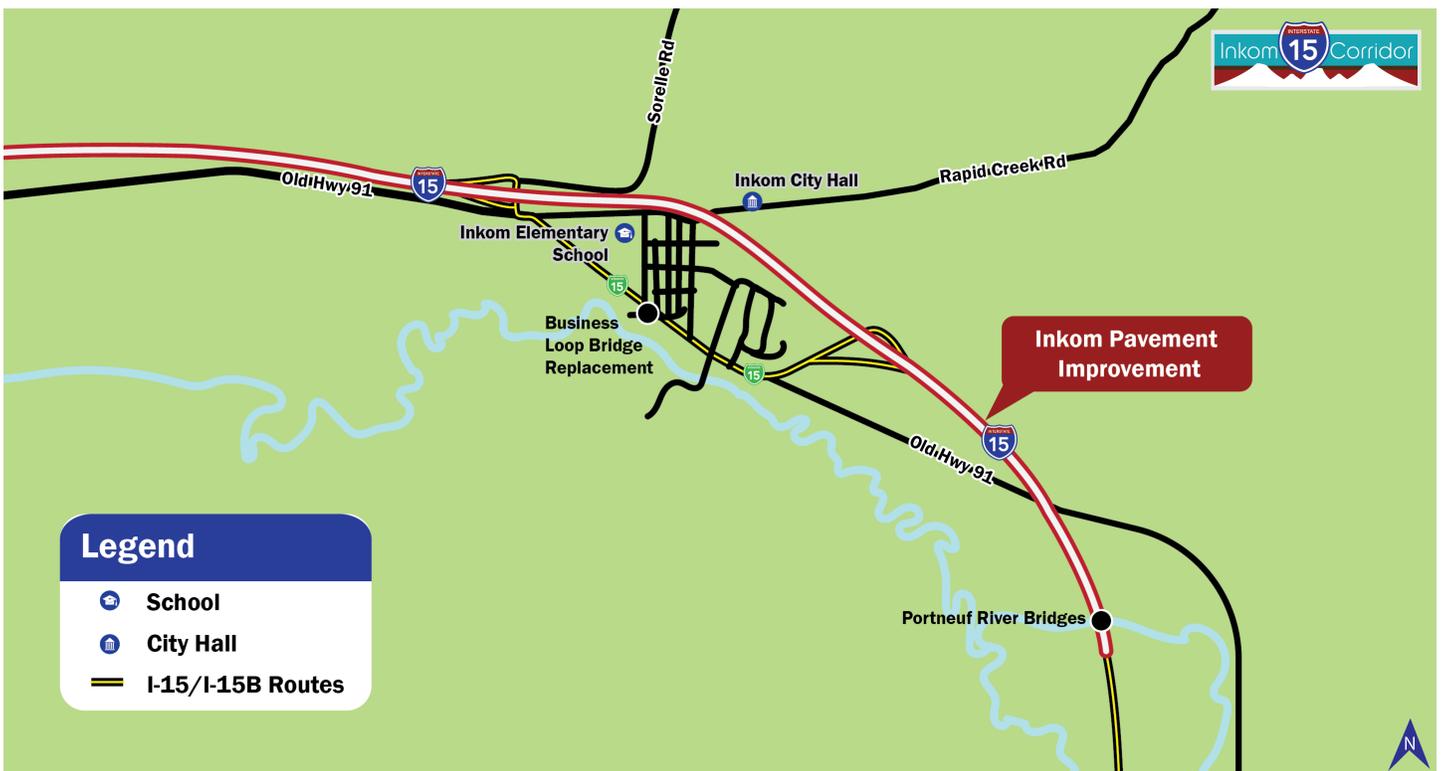


Inkom Pavement Improvement Overview

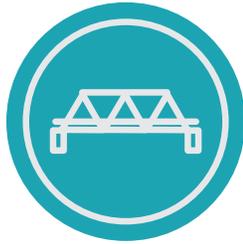


This project will replace the asphalt starting at the Portneuf interchange and extending 6 miles east to the Portneuf River Bridges. The goal is to replace any pavement that is not upgraded as part of the other improvement projects.

I-15 Pavement Improvement



Rapid Creek Bridge Replacement Overview



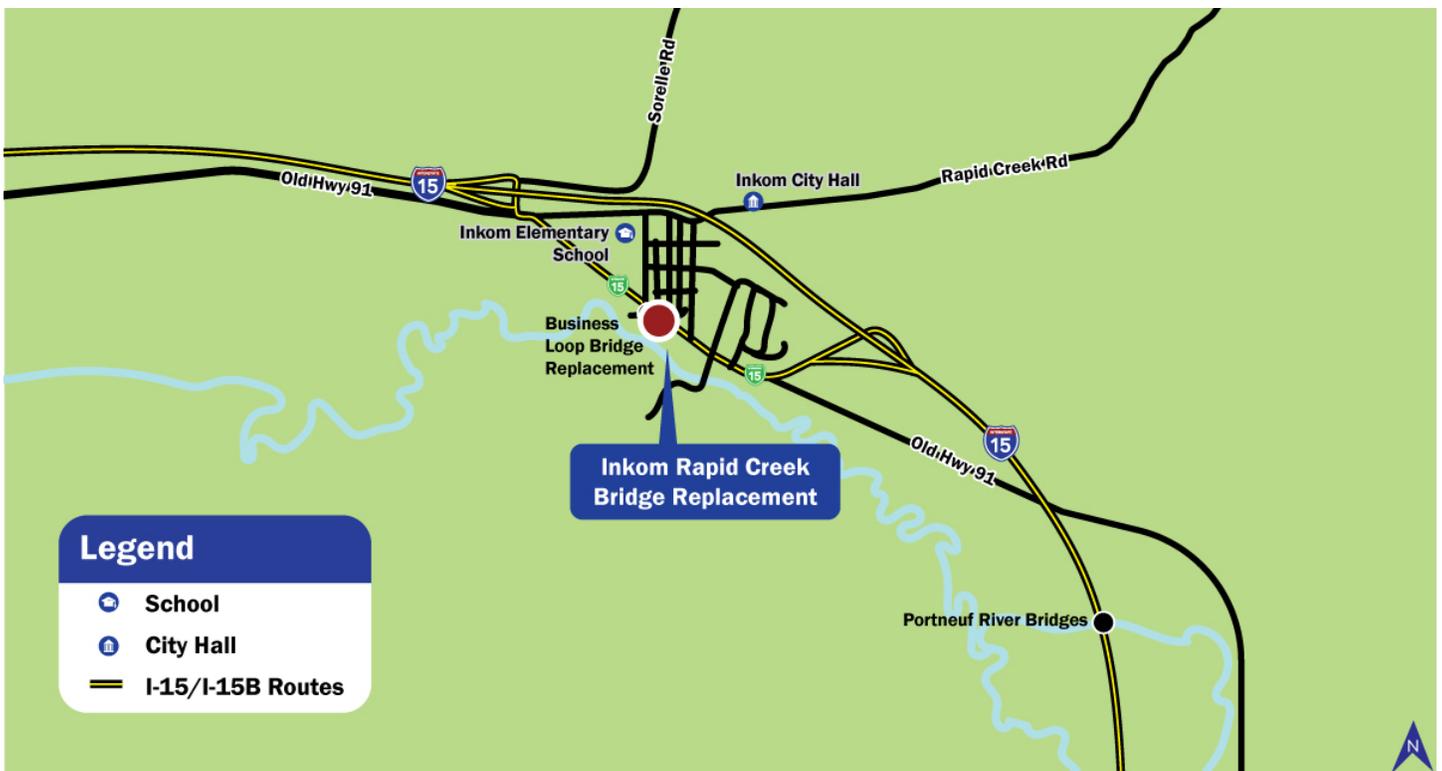
Existing Rapid Creek Bridge



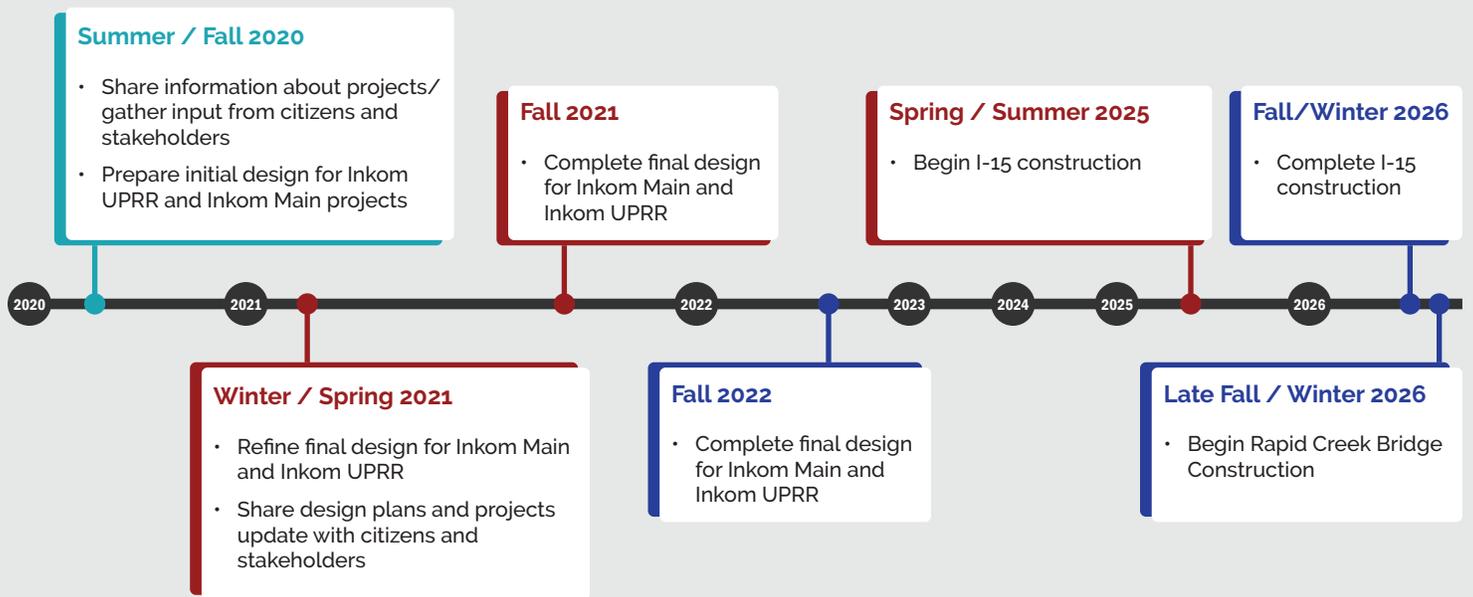
This project will replace the Rapid Creek bridge on the I-15 Business Loop between Commercial St. and Main St. The proposed bridge will address hydraulic issues that have contributed to flooding in the surrounding area. The new bridge will be wider, allowing for more pedestrian access and supporting the community's plan to improve pedestrian and cycling facilities.

Construction of the Rapid Creek Bridge replacement will not happen at the same time as construction of the I-15 corridor. The business loop will remain open during I-15 construction.

Rapid Creek Bridge Replacement



Schedule





APPENDIX B-Comments

From: Megan Stark
To: [Borders, Stephanie](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Comment Form from Project I-15 Inkom Corridor Improvements
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 9:45:47 AM

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From: Idaho Transportation Department Projects <noreply@itdprojects.org>
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Please share any comments. Inkom is home to one of Ashgroves cement terminals. Most of the trucks that traverse these roads on and off i15 in either direction weigh up to 129k lbs and most are pulling doubles. If the northbound off ramp is relocated to Sorrell Rd, it may create a hazard going into inkom underneath the i15 overpass due to it being more of a blind corner which

may increase head on collisions. The existing northbound off ramp eliminates any hazards concerning head on collisions. The northbound on ramp needs to be extended to the Port of Entry and possibly the P.O.E. weigh in motion widened to accommodate two right lanes due to slow moving traffic coming out of inkom. Currently, trucks loaded at 129k lbs are forced onto a two lane going uphill where the average speed is 40mph, which causes other trucks traveling at 70mph to act erratic due to the P.O.E. being straight ahead. The transitions between road/bridge and road/cattle guards need filled/repared to create a smoother transition. Hyw 30 southeast of McCammon is a good example of a failed road/bridge transition, which in my opinion is hazardous in winter conditions.

From: Megan Stark
To: [Borders, Stephanie](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Comment Form from Project I-15 Inkom Corridor Improvements
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From: Idaho Transportation Department Projects <noreply@itdprojects.org>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment Form from Project I-15 Inkom Corridor Improvements

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Phone

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Please share any comments. I am located on Grant Street in Inkom. How is a 3rd lane going to impact the residents on this street?

From: Megan Stark
To: [Borders, Stephanie](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Comment Form from Project I-15 Inkom Corridor Improvements
Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 10:53:05 AM

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Please share any comments. I don't know who the person is that wants to change the East off ram into Inkom is but you should leave it the way it is. It works better for the public coming into Inkom from the East. Stop and think about it. All this person can see is \$\$\$! sings and how "he" can same money and not what is good for local businesses local residents. So please leave it

the way it is. The people that designed It in the first place back in the 60's knew what works best for people coming and going. So let leave well enough along and do what works best for Inkom residents and those people coming from the south.

From: Megan Stark
To: [Borders, Stephanie](#); [Gonzalez, Jennifer](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Comment Form from Project I-15 Inkom Corridor Improvements
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:41:00 AM

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From: Idaho Transportation Department Projects <noreply@itdprojects.org>
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Please share any comments. The on-ramp heading from Inkom going to Pocatello needs to be longer, it is too short to effectively merge into traffic. When semi trucks are trying to stay in the right lane to get to the weigh station they cannot move over. I have been run off the road more than one time.

From: Megan Stark
To: [Borders, Stephanie](#)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Proposed changes to current Northbound exit in Inkom.
Date: Friday, September 4, 2020 11:49:35 AM

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To:

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed changes to current Northbound exit in Inkom.

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I was a grade checker for the construction company that had the contract for building the Interstate highway going through Inkom. As we were preparing to fence line that follows the off-ramp, I saw a huge lava rock covered with petroglyphs right on the Northbound exit to Inkom. As the dozer operator was trying to move the rock, it rolled and broke completely in half. Half of the rock fell face down and the other half stayed upright. I told the State survey crew about it, but they didn't seem much interested. As far as I know, I am the only person who knows where that rock is. If you are interested, please let me know. My telephone number is

From: JotForm
To: [Miller, Brian](#); [Borders, Stephanie](#)
Subject: Re: Inkom Corridor Comments
Date: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:27:54 PM

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Inkom Corridor Comments

Comments or suggestions:

The Main Street bridge does not appear to be in good enough condition to wait until 2025. Falling concrete is being captured by bags placed on the columns under the beams.

Name

Address

Email

Phone

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From: JotForm
To: [Miller, Brian](#); [Borders, Stephanie](#)
Subject: Re: Inkom Corridor Comments
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 7:26:45 PM

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 **Inkom Corridor Comments**

Comments or suggestions:

Thank you for taking public comment on this project.

I strongly oppose the elimination of the north off ramp east of Inkom. The many problems that I foresee are:

1. Loss of potential customers for our businesses. Many people headed north get off the freeway and stock up on gas and supplies rather than face the traffic in Pocatello.
 2. People already get lost in Inkom trying to figure out the business loop. I can't imagine their confusion with three ramps on the west and one on the east.
 3. The South off ramp on the east of town was a traffic hazard when there was a stop sign at the cattle guard instead of the yield sign that is there now. The two trailer cement trucks cross the center line to make it around the corner now with limited traffic. The problem will increase with more traffic.
 3. When we have funerals (all the mortuaries are in Pocatello) the traffic was known to back up to the Port of Entry on a large funeral. This caused a very dangerous situation when the speed limit was 70 mph. I don't want to think about the danger of 80 mph traffic jam, If the north ramp is moved to this intersection the south bound ramp will again have to have a stop sign. This problem will reoccur.
 4. Not your problem, but the new north ramp will cause much more traffic on Grant Street. The City will need to invest a significant amount of money to upgrade this street or close one end to encourage citizens to use the highway and Main Street instead.
- Thank you for letting me share my thoughts.

Name

Address

Email

Phone

Gender M

Are you disabled? No

Race and Ethnicity White

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Inkom Corridor Comments

Comments or suggestions:

I have previously commented but I would like to add a few additional comments.

1. For both on-ramps and off-ramps NB and SB in any configuration that is chosen, make the ramps longer with a longer merging lane with dotted lines. This gives drivers more options when merging and not forcing them to merge at a specific point.
2. If possible. Make I-15 3 lanes both NB and SB around the port of entry. This will help with trucks merging in a safer manner and help the flow of through traffic

Name

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Email

Phone

Male

Gender

No

Are you disabled?

Race and Ethnicity

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Inkom Corridor Comments

Comments or suggestions:

I prefer leaving the off ramps both north and south as they are. Many of our businesses rely on those exiting and driving through our town.

Name

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Email

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Race and Ethnicity White

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Inkom Corridor Comments

Comments or suggestions: I like the plans and only wish the start time could be expedited to start in 2024

Name

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Email

Phone Female

Gender No

Are you disabled?

Race and Ethnicity Hispanic

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Inkom Corridor Comments

Comments or suggestions:

I like the idea of combining the interchange as much as possible. The only suggestion I have is to add street lighting about 1/4 south of exit 57 all the way through Inkom and to the ITD Port of Entry on both southbound and northbound lanes. When traveling through this section of I-15 at night especially in bad weather with all the curves and bends, it becomes very dangerous feeling when lines on the road are hard to see and you're right next to a semi trying to navigate the same turns. Adding this would help the area feel much safer at night.

Name

Address

Email

Phone Male

Gender No

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Race and Ethnicity White

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Inkom Corridor Comments

Comments or suggestions:

I think putting the northbound off ramp next to the northbound on-ramp is going to cause accidents since they will have to yield to each other. I also think the biggest issue with Inkom Interstate traffic is the northbound on ramp being way to close to the truck scales The semi truck traffic is not able to yield for cars entering the interstate because of the placement of the scales! That ramp needs to be redesigned to accommodate cars entering the interstate safely. So leave the east ramps the way they are and redesign the west on ramp to avoid the increased truck traffic that has to stay to the right.

Name

Address

Email

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Female

Gender

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Are you disabled?

Race and Ethnicity

White

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Inkom Corridor Comments

Comments or suggestions:

Routing I15 traffic through Inkom is putting us residents in danger! That much traffic will make getting groceries or going to the post office hazardous. ITD should do one lane(side) at a time like every other town where construction is needed.

Name

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Are you disabled? No

Race and Ethnicity none of your business

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Inkom Corridor Comments

Comments or suggestions:

Would like you have a full interchange at the west location. Emergency vehicles (fire, ambulance) are forced to use northbound on-ramp and crossovers to access incidents located between the west and east interchanges on both northbound and southbound lanes.

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Inkom Corridor Comments

Comments or suggestions:

My biggest concern here is trucks in the right lane slowing down for the weigh station. Currently there is such a short distance between this on ramp and the weigh station that trucks already pull into the right lane and slow down. It makes getting on the interstate more difficult and more dangerous. I'm concerned with how dangerous it may become if the traffic is increased and more congested. Is there a better alternative?

Name

Address

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APPENDIX C-Notification

Postcard

Question and Comments

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1. Inkom UPRR Bridge Replacement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace I-15 bridges over UPRR tracks and Old Highway 30. • Construction anticipated 2029-2028 	2. Inkom Main Bridge Replacement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace I-15 bridges over Rapid Creek Rd. (Main St.). • Construction anticipated 2025-2028 	3. Inkom Interchange (West and East) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace I-15 bridge and reconstruct West Interchange. Potentially reconfigure this split interchange by adding a third ramp to the west portion while removing a ramp at the east portion. Seeking public input on design alternatives. • Construction anticipated 2025-2028 	4. Inkom Pavement Improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace I-15 asphalt starting at the Inkom South Interchange and extends six miles west to the Portneuf River Bridges. • Construction anticipated 2025 	5. Rapid Creek Bridge Replacement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace Rapid Creek bridge on the I-15 Business Loop between Commercial St. and Main St. • Construction anticipated 2028
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News Release

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Public is invited to participate in online public meeting for I-15 Inkom Corridor improvements starting Tuesday, Sept. 1

POCATELLO - The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) will host an online public meeting for the Interstate 15 (I-15) Inkom Corridor improvements via an online format due to the changing situation with COVID-19.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 1 - Sept. 22, the online public meeting will be available for the public to review and comment online at <https://itdprojects.org/projects/i15inkom/>.

The online meeting is an opportunity to provide information and gather input on five proposed projects on I-15 through Inkom. ITD is combining the projects into a corridor-wide improvement plan to minimize potential impacts to the public during construction.

The five Inkom projects include:

- » I-15 Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Bridge Replacement
- » I-15 Main St. Bridge Replacement
- » I-15 Inkom Interchange (West and East)
- » I-15 Inkom Pavement Improvement
- » I-15 Business Loop (Old Highway 30) Rapid Creek Bridge Replacement

The public is encouraged to visit the online meeting and provide feedback about the project. If you have questions or want to learn more, please call 208.745.5611 or visit <https://itdprojects.org/projects/i15inkom/>

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News Coverage

BETTER BRIDGES: ITD plans online meeting to discuss improvements to I-15 Inkom Corridor

By Kendra Evensen For the Journal Aug 31, 2020 0



The Interstate 15 bridges over Main Street in Inkom show signs of wear in this file photo.



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By Idaho Transportation Department Aug 25, 2020 0



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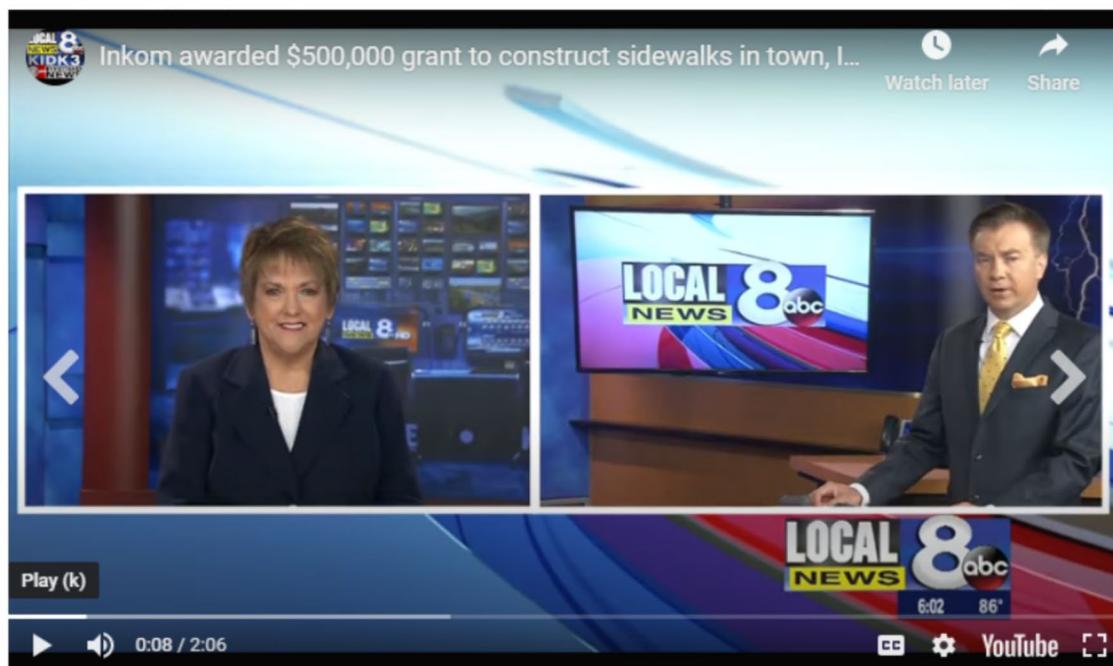
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Newspaper Ad

American Falls Studio teaches kindness along with dance

STEPHANIE WOODMAN-WEST
The Journal

AMERICAN FALLS — When Joselyn Smith and her Ames first came together to discuss

Local in a small town setting a dance studio together in 18, neither knew just how it their plan would fall to place. Within a month, they

ought the building at 1205 11e Ave., established a studio, and collected a group of teachers to help provide a well-rounded variety of dance and fitness uses for community members as young as age 3 adults looking to get fit and involved.

"I was running another studio and teacher approached me about going together and then I felt it all happened so fast," she said. "I feel like I into place and... it was out to be."

It was within that first month they started updating the studio's exterior and interior, which hadn't seen new coat of paint or new carpeting since it was built in the 1980s. It was also around this time they first how connected the American Falls community in times of need, when

Smith's father-in-law passed away. "I felt passed away right the middle of all of this," Smith said. "And a big, huge group of friends of mine in and stayed through the night. There were probably a dozen of them that came to point inside the studio. It was really sweet, even a hard time but it all me together, and now we can always look back and see the blessings of it."

Since then their business, American Falls Studio, has snagged the attention many members of the community. Their classes range from

ballet to hip hop to tumbling for younger students, and fitness classes for adults which include a POUND class, which features exercises coupled with sticks used to follow rhythm techniques.

"I feel like being in a small town we have to doable in a little bit of everything," said Ames, who received her master's degree in dance education from the University of Northern Colorado in 2019 and her bachelor's degree in dance performance from Idaho State University. She is also certified in mat and equipment Pilates, yoga and Zumba.

"We just installed some aerial yoga equipment but we haven't found a teacher yet," Smith added. "We kind of jumped the gun and found a really good deal on some silk and my husband installed it and we are now looking for a certified teacher."

Smith, who grew up in Florida, has been involved with dance since the young age of 4. At her high school, she competed at the state and national level with her dance and drill team and won second place in a state solo competition her senior year. She later attended Brigham Young University, where she majored in dance and was on the international folk dance team.

Both Ames and Smith said they found it somewhat of a challenge to open a dance studio in a small town at first because they didn't grow up in American Falls and weren't able to establish a repertoire with the community in their youth.

"I had it hard in a small town because no one knows me and really they don't know Ashley either, so they go, 'oh, you dance!'" Smith said. "Because growing up they never saw us dance. So getting our teachers, Courtney and Lindsay, was



The American Falls Studio at 1205 Falls Ave. in American Falls.

really nice because people know the Woodworth sisters, and they know they dance because they've seen them performing at games and recitals."

"I feel it's important for us to get it out there that we do have education (in dance), and I feel like Joselyn is always looking up stuff online and learning classes," Ashley added. "We are always trying to get better and learn more so we can give back to the kids."

Another challenge they've had to manage, and one that was difficult for the entire studio and its students, was the sudden and tragic death of one of their teachers, Taylor Smith, who passed away in a tubing accident in July of last year.

"The kids absolutely loved her," Smith said. "She taught three classes and filled in for all the tumbling classes for our first year and she was absolutely wonderful."

Taylor had a readiness to jump in and help whenever it was needed, Ames said. She also worked with Ames as an instructor at Ames' previous dance studio

before the American Falls Studio opened.

"You could just call on her any time and she was willing to do anything," Ames said about Taylor. "She was such a gem and for us it was like losing a friend. I think that was a huge challenge for not only us because we were grieving but all of our students were grieving and so for us to try and support them and make it a positive experience... no matter what, when you lose someone close to you, that is a huge challenge."

As Ames and Smith navigated the first two years of owning the studio and the difficulties that arose, there were some positives that blossomed along the way.

One came in the form of the Greater American Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Heart Award, which they received in 2018 after the chamber president saw how much time and effort they were putting in to better the community through their business.

Another positive has been watching their students progress and become involved with dancing.

This focus on their students hasn't changed.

"We want to make sure this is a healthy, safe environment for the kids and that they feel comfortable here and nobody ever talks down to anybody," Smith said. "Because I think that's what's important, because sure they can go on to do dance in college, they can do IU (Brigham Young University), they can go to Broadway and those kinds of things, but I'd rather see these girls grow up to be wonderful young ladies who are nice and kind more than anything."

Their focus also extends to helping their students advance to higher skill levels, such as a girl wanting to gain enough skills to be a part of a high school dance team or beyond.

"We like to funnel them into the high school so they can attend the drill team and such," Smith said. "I think it's a great place to learn when you are teen because you can perform together. So we'll help them out here so when they get to high school they can start."

In addition to their devotion towards the students,

the studio is also in close proximity to nearby schools which makes things easier for parents with students who attend after school classes. They also sell merchandise such as tights, shoes, leotards and other apparel so parents don't have to make the drive to Pocatello to pick up special items. There is the Hairloom Salon inside the studio as well, which is run by Tammy Drent.

In response to the current environment with Covid-19, Ames said they have hand sanitizer readily available and they clean the studios frequently, although Smith admitted that keeping children away from each other is difficult.

"But we also feel very good with all the studios coming out that children under the age of 10 aren't transmitting it to each other," she said. "If we felt at all that they wouldn't be in a safe environment, we wouldn't open our doors."

This safe and inviting setting is one of their goals in the long run, and they have striven to provide it since day one.

"I think our biggest goal is to give something back to the community," Ames said. "Everything we give here is meant to give, we are excited to give, and we want it to be a good experience, so we wouldn't make it anything other than that."

As for important dates ahead, the studio will have in-person registration on Aug. 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. where parents can also pop in to purchase items for classes that begin on Aug. 31. Online registration is currently up and available.

For those interested in registering or checking out classes, visit the studio's Facebook page at American Falls Studio LLC. For those interested in the Hairloom Salon, call 208-221-7363 for details.

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